

August 22, 2017 at 9:00am Committee Meeting Room

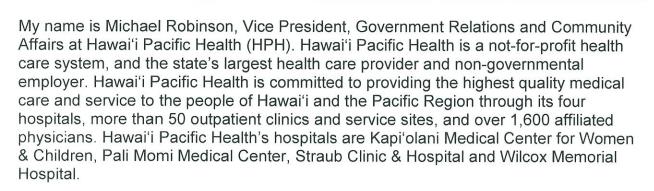
## Committee On Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

To: Councilman Brandon J. C. Elefante, Chair Councilwoman Kymberly Marcos Pine, Vice Chair Councilman Ikaika Anderson Councilman Ernest Y. Martin Councilman Trevor Ozawa

From: Michael Robinson

Vice President - Government Relations & Community Affairs

Re: City Council Bill 70 - Testimony in Support



I am writing in support of City Council Bill 70 which prohibits smoking and vaping in a motor vehicle in which a minor is present.

Secondhand smoke in vehicles is more concentrated than in other indoor settings. Because children have little to no control over their environments and cannot leave if secondhand smoke bothers them, they run a greater risk of suffering from the damaging health effects. Secondhand smoke in a car can be up to ten times more toxic than what the Environmental Protection Agency considers unhealthy air quality, even when a window is down. There are numerous studies on the detriments of secondhand smoke, and this bill is a solution that will protect children who cannot advocate themselves for safe air.

The prohibition suggested in City Council Bill 70 will help to protect our youth from the damaging health affects of secondhand smoke. Hawai'i Pacific Health supports City Council Bill 70.

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